



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Year 5

Welcome

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are refreshed and ready to start another busy and exciting term. Thank you so much from all Year 5 staff for the lovely Christmas presents, they were very much appreciated.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term to discuss how things are going or if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I will be available after school on the gate on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and both indoor and outdoor PE kits will be required in school. I would suggest jogging trousers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE as we do go out in all weathers. This term we are also very excited to be continuing our progression with swimming. This will be on Monday afternoons, please see previous communications for further details.

In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal) as we will continue with plenty of fabulous art and DT.

Topic

This term our class topic will be India. The children will be introduced to this topic on their exciting WOW Day on Tuesday 10th January. They should wear normal school uniform for this.

Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy, history and geography. Please feel free to share any topic related show and tell on Fridays. This really enriches the children's experience and is a pleasure to explore.

**Our Value for this month is
Hope**

Maths

In maths this term we will complete our focus area of multiplication and division. We will then move onto fractions, building on our Year 4 understanding.

We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables as well as corresponding division facts. Thank you for all of your continued support with this. **On Wednesday 11th January, all children will complete a times table check. This will take the same format as in Year 4 with 25 questions using all times tables up to 12 x 12.**

Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term composing adventurous flashbacks and beautiful descriptions from different perspectives. This term they will be writing fables and focusing on story openings and characterisation, both linked to their topic focus.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to continue to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will continue to be collected each Wednesday. In addition, children will continue with a reading comprehension task each week as part of their homework.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place each Thursday morning. Times tables (now including division facts) will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton.

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